



Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship

8:00 AM Traditional
 10:00 AM Praise Worship
 with Children's Church
 10:00 AM YouTube Live

Church Office Hours

Mon.—Thurs.
 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
 (@ Lunch 12:30—1:30 PM)

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Monday, March 23, 2026

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From the Pastor's desk:

From "Love Outpoured- a 2026 Lenten Devotional"

Romans 8: 11 "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you."

"The Holy Spirit is in you. The same breath that moved over the waters at creation. The very same Spirit that gave life to Jesus as he brought healing and justice through the hills and valleys of Galilee, Samaria, and Judea. The same breath that lit a fire and created the church on Pentecost. The same breath that empowered modern prophets like the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the same breath that we share with all living things on this planet.

Are you feeling your mortality today? Take a breath. Are you feeling low, not sure where to summon the energy for the day? Take a breath. Need to feel connected to something bigger than yourself? Take a breath."

With every breath that we take, we are reminded of who we are and where the gift of our lives comes from. The Holy Spirit dwells within us and leads and guides us. As we continue to journey through this Lenten season, let us be intentional about remembering our breath. Breath that gives us life. Breath that sustains us. Breath that nurtures us.

Dates to Remember!

Palm Sunday falls on fifth Sunday so it is one service at 10am

Palm Sunday service at Rockford Rescue Mission at 5pm
 We are looking for more volunteers to help lead this service and share a meal
 Please arrive around 4:30PM at Rockford Rescue Mission

Maundy Thursday is one service at 6pm

Good Friday is one service at 6pm

Easter Sunday is one service at 9AM

Peace,
 Pastor Rachel

BY THE NUMBERS

3/8/26	14 + 52	66	3/15/26	27 + 35	62
Online Views		19	Online Views		27
Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,680.60					
Gen Fund 3/8/26	\$2,073.00		Gen Fund 3/15/26	\$2,626.00	
Forward in Faith	\$695.00		Forward in Faith	\$910.00	
Surplus/Deficit	-\$5,512.60		Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,921.60	
Festival	\$523		Unexpected Blessings.....	\$100	



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Tim & DiAnne Beynon, Diane Billert, Mike Bukowski, Beverly Clayton, Kathy Cordonnier, Rolly Greenland, Pam Hodges, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, Kathy Mund, Ramijio Rivera, JR Stropes, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Brynn Ballard, Kim Braun, Blake Dummer, Daniel Hendrickson, Sandy Jackson, Darlene Johnson, Bill LeGault, Rosalind Lykken, Serenity Messenger, Danny Moorhouse, Michael Moorhouse, Peggy Moorhouse, Rev. Willard Olson, Bob Schult, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Ali Younglove, and all those in the middle of various conflicts of war.

All in the Family

Kathy Mund sends her thanks for the continued prayers and lovely flowers that she has received. Many thanks from the **Dundas Family and Chuck & Lynn Valentine** for all the condolences, memorials and support following the death of Dionne.

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship & Children's Church/
YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** will meet at the 10 AM worship during the service, seasonal Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Adult Forums** will be on various Sundays. Please watch your Summit for announcements of dates.
- **Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1st (in person) & 3rd (Zoom) Thursday, 6:00 PM** This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.
- **Tuesday Bible Breakfast: 8:00 AM** Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant



Pastoral Needs: Pastor Rachel will be off on Mondays and in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. She will also be available by appointment on Fridays. All other times, please contact the office, 815-399-5013.



Praying weekly for Alpine's membership has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an on-going part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received are "power of prayer - it works!", "just what we needed", and loads of thanks! Even though we are praying for a few families each week, please call the office whenever the need arises for extra prayers you may have.

**Together we worship, together we pray,
together we love.**

Apr. 5th — Jim & Jan Anderson; Joan & Nicholas Chockalingam; and Bob & Lori Fanello.

Apr. 12th — John & Nancy Fridh; Carol Johnson; Mike & Deb LaFew; and Karl & Deb Okeson.

Sunday, April 5, 2026—Easter Sunday
ONE SERVICE at 9 AM

Ushers: John Gustafson, Andrea Tack
Ambassadors: Gwyn Brechtel, Mari Hanson
Lector: John Fridh
Lay Assistant: John Fridh, Dick Nelson, Mike Schultz
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Ushers: (8) Bob Fanello, Karl Okeson (10) DiAnne Beynon, Jim Burnett
Ambassadors: (8) Carol Johnson, Deb Okeson (10) Rivera Family
Lector: (8) Andrea Tack (10) Dick Nelson
Lay Assistant: (8) Mike Schultz (10) Dick Nelson
Praise Singers: Jaime Doubek



Sunday, March 29th—**Palm Sunday**
5th Sunday
worship service at 10 AM

Thursday, April 2nd—**Maundy Thursday**
worship service at 6 PM*

Friday, April 3rd—**Good Friday, Tenebrae**
worship service at 6 PM*

Sunday, April 5th—**Easter Sunday**
ONE Festive worship service at 9 AM*
*Please note the times



Congratulations to the 2026 recipients of **Scholarships** from the Ahnquist Donor Advised Fund. The list is as follows: **Lauren Coulter, Morgan Dabson, Zed Doubek** and **Ava Louthain**. Alpine wishes them all continued success in their studies at various schools.

Summit Schedule: Due to the Holy Week schedule, we will skip one week with the Summit. You will receive the next issue on **Monday, April 13th**.

Thrivent Choice Dollars are funds that eligible members of Thrivent are offered to direct to enrolled nonprofit organizations, including Alpine. Choice Dollars designated during 2026 can be directed until March 31st. Members can direct Choice Dollars online at thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling 800-847-4836.

2026 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle charts are up and ready for your dedications. Remember loved ones passed or celebrate a special event. Each sponsorship helps to defray the cost of our flowers every year and we thank everyone for contributing to this ministry. (Altar Guild)

Those Who Serve: A new schedule has been sent out via email. If you need to make any changes, please call the office with your subs.



Our last **Soup Supper** is this **Wednesday, March 25th**. Join us as we come together in fellowship for a meal and worship. This evening of is always an Alpine favorite. We thank everyone for volunteering to bring soup, bread and desserts and look forward to more Alpine fellowship in the future.

For our **Lenten worship service** this year, we will meet in Fellowship Hall following the Soup Supper. Join us as we wrap up the series written by the Northern IL Synod entitled "*Going Deeper: Conversations with Jesus*".

Fellowship is a very important part of every congregation. We all enjoy conversing after church especially with coffee and a treat. We need people to provide those treats. You do not need to be a master baker. Purchased treats are just as good. We also need juice to be served along with the coffee. Then all you need to do is man the table. It is very simple. (Help with clean-up is also appreciated.) A sign-up sheet is available by the coffee.

Would you like to give automatically from your bank account? We can schedule your withdrawal weekly, monthly or twice a month. Please see Lynn in the office for more details. (Lynn Valentine)

Do you already give electronically? We have envelopes for celebration Sundays, Lent, Advent, etc. for you. You may pick them up from the counter in the coat room. Thank you for supporting Alpine Lutheran. (Laurel McVinnie)

***The Council has voted to keep our outside doors locked during the week days. Please ring the RING doorbell and someone will be with you as soon as possible.**



Children's Church

Join us for Children's Church! The children leave the 10 AM service at the beginning of the worship service after the opening song to allow for more time for learning. Seasonal grab bags will be available for pick-up.



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Community Highlight: Katie's Cup

Katie's Cup seeks to be a beacon of hope in the neighborhood; where the coffee and food are delicious, conversations come easily, and community happens every day. We are a women-led 501(c)(3) not-for-profit social enterprise committed to supporting the revitalization efforts within the Midtown District, surrounding neighborhoods, and Rockford community. Located at 502 7th Street, Rockford, IL.

Katie's Choice Book Club meets Thursday, April 9th at 10 AM. This month's book of choice is "**My grandmother asked me to tell you she's sorry**" by Fredrick Backman. "Full of heart, hope, forgiveness, and the embracing of differences, Elsa's story is one that sticks with you long after you have turned the last page." - *Library Journal*
No reservations necessary. All are invited to engage in the conversation about the books of choice. Bring your copy or purchase one there.